

The monthly bulletin of the
Bar Hill Residents Association,
distributed to all residents.

New Residents

We welcome to Hanover Housing:

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| ✓1 Mrs. Anguish | 16 Mrs. Armitage ✓ |
| ✓2 Mrs. Filby | 17 Mrs. Brown ✓ |
| ✓3 Mr. and Mrs. Pannell (Wardens) | 18 Mr. and Mrs. Gregory ✓ |
| ✓5 Mrs. Booth | 19 Mrs. Hill ✓ |
| ✓6 Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong | 20 Miss Harding ✓ |
| 7 Mrs. Glanfield | 21 Mrs. Shaw ✓ |
| ✓8 Mrs. Freeborn | 22 Mrs. Hall ✓ |
| ✓9 Mrs. Watson | 23 Mr. and Mrs. Harris ✓ |
| 10 Mr. Cribbin | 24 Mr. and Mrs. Esmond |
| ✓11 Mrs. Cole | 25 Mr. Burton |
| ✓13 Mrs. Dobbs | 26 Mr and Mrs. Hicking |
| ✓14 Mrs. Faithful | 27 Mrs. Stevenson |
| ✓15 Mr. and Mrs. Adams | 28 Mrs. Paul Caron. |

and also

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| Mr. and Mrs. Caulfield, 82 Pheasant Rise; ✓ | Mr. and Mrs. Fox, 86 Pheasant Rise ✓ |
| Mr. and Mrs. Crow, 85 Pheasant Rise; ✓ | Mr. and Mrs. Turney, 84 Pheasant Rise ✓ |
| Mr. and Mrs. Esgate, 72 Pheasant Rise; ✓ | Mr. and Mrs. Donovan, 115 Pheasant R. ✓ |
| Mr. and Mrs. Turner, 89 Pheasant Rise; ✓ | Mr. and Mrs. Wilmore, 83 Pheasant Rise ✓ |
| Mr. and Mrs. Arfield, 101 Pheasant Rise; ✓ | Dr. and Mrs. Summer, 116 Pheasant Rise ✓ |
| Mr. and Mrs. Cousins, 62 Pheasant Rise; ✓ | Mr. and Mrs. Collins, 60 Pheasant Rise ✓ |
| Mr. and Mrs. Horrocks, 114 Pheasant Rise; ✓ | Mr. and Mrs. Featherstone, 97 Pheasant R. ✓ |

Clinic

As from the 6th of September the Baby Clinic will be held in the Health Centre.

8 O'Clock Club

There will be only one meeting in September, an informal coffee evening on Thursday, 6th at 8 p.m. in the School.

Will those ladies wishing to join the evening tour on Thursday, 20th September please pay their 35p deposit (if they haven't already done so) either at the meeting or to Mrs. Thrift, 12 Acorn Avenue (80407). Also, your choice of menu for the meal is required in advance.

Collection

The result of the National Children's Home collection was £35.21. Thanks to all who helped and contributed.

Newcomers

We invite you to the new season of the Newcomers. Our September dates to note are: 13th Bamix Food Mix Demonstration; 27th a talk on "Gifted Children", speaker Mrs. Kemp. We meet in the Church Centre at 2 p.m. with tea afterwards. There is a creche for the under 5's, and all are very welcome.

Our coffee morning in July helped to raise £5.94 towards toys for the Creche, and our cake stall at the Summer Fair raised £13.79 for Group Funds; a thank you to all those who helped in one way or another.

Wanted - Please

Odd ounces or small balls of knitting wool (any ply); scraps of material, any sort. Needed for making soft toys, dolls' clothes, etc. Any volunteers for helping? We shall have lots of fun! Please can you help us and leave items with:

Jo Hall, 41 Otter Close, or Val Page, 39 Partridge Drive.

Parent Teacher Association

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the School on Friday, 5th October at 8 p.m., followed by a Cider and Cheese Party - tickets 25p each.

Barbecue and Dance

8th September at 8 p.m. in the Church Centre; in aid of Church funds - 10p admission. Pay as you eat. Tickets from Val Page, 39 Partridge Drive; V. Gostelow, 24 Acorn Av.

Films at Church Centre

A public showing of films will take place at the Church Centre, starting on Saturday, 29th September at 8 p.m. with "Fiddler on the Roof". Admission prices are 25p adults and 15p children and OAPs.

Future films will include "Fuzz", "Paint Your Wagon" and a Rock Hudson drama. It is hoped to continue showing in the New Year.

Requests for particular films should go to: Pat Cassim, 16 Acorn Avenue, 80342.

Retired Residents

The coach outing on August 20th, taking us through the narrow lanes and bye-ways of 12 villages west of Bar Hill was most enjoyable. Tea at "The Orchard", Gratchester, was most welcome, we certainly will pay it another visit.

The Club will meet again on Monday, 3rd September at 2.30 in the Church Centre. Our guest will be Mr. P. M. Dickinson, County Archivist, who will give a talk on the Villages we visited; and on 17th September at 2.30 for the Inaugural Meeting.

Leisure Time Dance Club

A new feature is being presented at the Church Centre this autumn, a Dance Club for all age groups held weekly on Tuesdays. Joy and Peter Hughes, ex-National Ballroom and Latin American Champions and stars of television "Come Dancing", will be instructors at the Club. Joy tells us that the emphasis is on social dancing, and in fact the evening is divided between instruction, 8 - 9 p.m. and social dancing, 9.15 - 10.30, when all are welcome to attend, whether beginners or competent dancers.

The instruction is specially prepared for absolute beginners. Peter and Joy have perfected a revolutionary method of teaching "instant dancing" whereby they can teach up to ten dances in as many weeks; in practice, though, most people prefer to learn only the most popular dances like cha-cha, waltz, samba, quickstep, jive and social foxtrot - we like to prove the people who say they can never learn to dance wrong! Every Tuesday, from 18th September. Enquiries to Joy Hughes, Cambridge 59093.

Letter

The Editor,
Dear Sir,

I understand that the style of my solemn obituary poetising has been plagiarised in your organ for the purposes of a farewell Thribbute for some people named Palmann.

Although I must on this occasion content myself with a smile at the flattery of imitation, I must ask you to vet thoroughly any future effusions purporting to come from my pen.

Yours,
Eric Jarvis Thribb (17), p.p. Lord Gnome

Horticultural Society

The Garden Club's first meeting of the new season will be on 11th September in the School at 8 p.m. - an informal discussion to answer problems, suggest jobs for the autumn and talk about progress on the allotments. We hope that members will bring plants and cuttings to exchange at meetings, so when you thin out your borders this autumn don't throw it away, bring it along to a meeting.

Garden shop: has in stock hyacinth bulbs for forcing to bloom around Christmas. Other spring bulbs will be in this month. There is some water-worn limestone rock available.

National Gardens Scheme

Sunday, 16th September, 2 - 6 p.m.: The Mill House, Whittlesford will be open to the public, in aid of charity. Admission 15p, children 5p; teas.

W.E.A.

I shall be pleased to pass on details about the 1973-4 W.E.A. daytime classes in Cambridge to anyone who is interested. At least two of the classes will have a creche for under-5's, and subjects include: Philosophy, Comparative Religion, Natural History and Personal Relationships in the Novel. Classes last one-and-a-half to two hours and reading is optional. Contact Gillian Wills, 45 Acorn Av. 80551.

Letter to the Editor

Sir,

I have had an opportunity of studying a document "Shopping at Bar Hill" which, together with the letter to residents and the display at the Information Centre, represents the Developers' campaign to persuade us of the beneficial effects a "Superstore" would have for Bar Hill. Before residents decide on their reaction to this proposal, I would like them to study the plan attached to the Newsletter and consider the following points:

(1) If you had to decide where to build a "retail warehouse" approximately 250' 0" by 180' 0" in size, which at peak times (Friday evening, Saturday) could bring 600 cars an hour into its parking areas, together with the necessary service vehicles to keep it stocked up, the whole taking up an area which must be at least 6 to 7 acres in extent, would you decide to place it in the central area of a village?

(2) Look at the plan and compare the size of the houses in Gladeside, the Church Centre, the clinic, and even the shopping centre, with the superstore. Stand in front of the school and consider the effect of a building, which it is proposed to finish in white Spar (crushed limestone), and which must be at least as high, if not higher than the shopping centre, with its walls stretching for distances approaching 100 yards. Do you feel that this is compatible with the size and feeling of other areas of the Village?

(3) Stand in front of the clinic and imagine a car park stretching from there to the perimeter road. This is the area the superstore needs for parking. Do we need it in the Village centre?

(4) The Developers are planning landscaping with "mature" trees to mask and soften the new areas. Consider other landscaping in the Village and the fact that a mature tree still takes up to ten years to start to attain reasonable proportions. Will the trees protect Robin Close and Gladeside from the noise of juggernauts delivering goods to the superstore?

(5) The Developers claim that the superstore will protect Gladeside and other areas from our East Anglian winds. However, experience shows that a building the size of the superstore can cause wind-tunnel and eddy effects which can seriously change the effect of wind and rain in its immediate vicinity.

(6) Consider the Pedestrian Concourse shown as part of the project. This is a large, paved open space where the wind will be free to blow with no shelter for pedestrians. Is a space of this nature what we need for the focus of our Village life?

(7) Why do the Developers want to build a superstore, and why are they trying so hard to persuade us it is for our good?

Can you think of a better and more human way of creating a viable shopping centre? It can be done, it has been done, in New Ash Green, a similar village in Kent.

I have tried to explain my reactions because, despite what the Developers would like us to believe, there are other ways of solving Bar Hill's shopping problems than by planning a superstore in the Village centre. And that's what it's all about, isn't it?

Yours, etc.,

John Pook

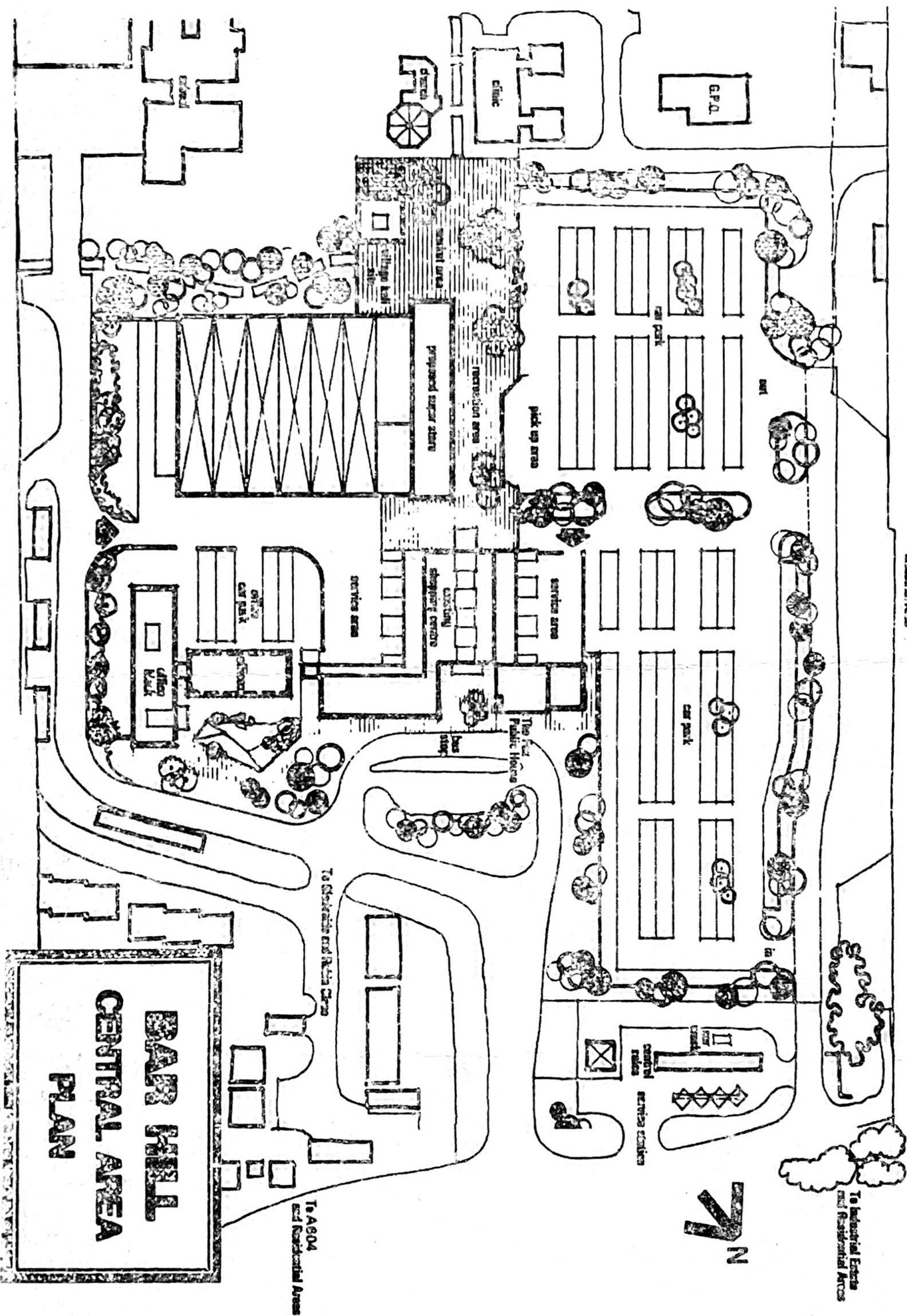
Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 11th September at 8 p.m. in the School.

Clerk to the Parish Council

The Clerk has resigned from the post and applications are invited from residents willing to take over from him. These should be returned to either the Chairman, C. Lakin, 22 Almond Grove; or the Clerk, T. Parrott, 2 Acorn Avenue, before the 11th September.

The Clerk is required to attend all Meetings of the Council, to keep the Minutes of the Meeting and deal with the correspondence that arises from the Meeting. It would be an advantage if the applicant had access to facilities for typing and duplicating. The salary will be not less than £80 a year and will increase as the Village grows.



Superstore in Bar Hill: a statement by the Bar Hill Residents Association Committee

As you may already know, the developers have applied to build a superstore in the centre of Bar Hill. The committee of the Residents Association would like to make it absolutely clear that we have not given our agreement to, or approval of, the developers' proposals.

We had hoped to give a joint explanation of the proposals, together with the developers and the Parish Council; we understood that this was the developers' intention. However, they have gone ahead and presented their own view of things and sent out their survey.

We think you ought to know ALL the implications of the proposal, and then give your views to us, the Residents Association: we are a local, independent organisation with the welfare of Bar Hill as our only consideration. We will make sure that your views are fairly and correctly presented to the developers and the planners.

The Facts

A superstore or hypermarket is a very large supermarket, selling food and other things. It is usually built in open country and shoppers come in their own cars for their weekly needs. There are large free car parks and no traffic jams.

The Bar Hill superstore would be about twice as large as the "Beehive" in Cambridge. As you can see in the sketch, it is between the School, the car park and Gladeside. Its own car park is across the spine path. The Developers will expect most customers to come from outside Bar Hill, and have provided parking for 600 cars. Large goods lorries will also visit regularly.

The planners say they will not allow the superstore to open without a flyover into the Village.

Some Advantages to Bar Hill

The superstore will widen the range of Village shops. It will provide healthy competition to Keymarkets. By attracting more customers into the Village it may help the other Village shops. It will provide a restaurant in the Village. The extra facilities may increase the value of houses in Bar Hill. There will be enough extra traffic to support a car service station.

Some Disadvantages to Bar Hill

The superstore will take up land in the centre of the Village. This will reduce the area available for a Village Hall, swimming pool, paddling pool, nursery school and formal gardens, for which no space is allocated on the draft Village Plan, and which we shall need later. The building proposed is out of scale with its surroundings. The site chosen will not allow the inevitable expansion when this becomes desirable. There will be increased hazard and noise due to the traffic in the heart of the Village. If the superstore is the success that the developers intend, on Friday evenings and Saturdays we can expect up to 1000 people at a time to come into the Village just to shop at the superstore. There will be only one congested access road to the Industrial Area. The only road to Hanover Housing will be through the heart of the Industrial Area. A three-storey office block will face the inhabitants of Gladeside. The present Village shops may be harmed by its presence.

Some of these disadvantages could be reduced if the superstore were sited elsewhere in the Village. Perhaps across the spine path - see sketch. Or between the perimeter and the Huntingdon road in the warehouse area: if here, it could be reached directly from the new entrance roundabout.

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An exhibition of the developers' proposals can be seen at the sales office every day (until 9.30 p.m. on Thursdays). If you are interested in the future of the Village, please go and see it.

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Please consider your own answers to the following questions. We shall call on you shortly and carefully collect your views on special forms.

- (1) Do you want a superstore anywhere in Bar Hill?
- (2) If you want one, do you agree with the proposed site?
- (3) If you don't like this site, would you agree to it:
 - across the spine path?
 - beyond the perimeter road?
 - anywhere else?

Thank you in advance for your help.

Superstore Surveys - a statement from the Parish Council

The Parish Council would like to make it clear that, although it was consulted by Bar Hill Developments Ltd. about their survey, this should not be taken as approval of the Developers' latest proposals, which have not as yet been discussed by the Council.

In due course the Council will have to consider a revised Planning Application from the Developers and at that time it will no doubt wish to take into account the result of the surveys.

Bar Hill Residents Association
From the Secretary's Notepad

- Advance notice - book your baby-sitters now!
- Saturday, 3rd November: Dance at the Church Centre
- Monday, 5th of November: Village Fireworks Party

Draw Tickets We have received an unsupported claim for draw ticket number 1217, as mentioned in the last Newsletter. If there are no further claims within 14 days of the date of this Newsletter, the Committee will consider this to be the valid one.

Kay and David Briggs and family arrived in Australia safely and seem to be settling in well.

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